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29 August 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, Benefits and Services Division

SUBJECT : Potential Government Accounting Office Audit  
of Agency Programs

REFERENCE : Memo from Executive Asst to D/Pers, dated  
27 August 1975, subject as above, with  
Memo from Chairman, GAO Task Force - copy  
attached

1. This is in response to restrictions believed necessary within the Office of Personnel in the event of any resumption by GAO of audit of Agency activities.

2. It is recommended that the response to the Director of Personnel relative to Suggestion and Achievement Program holdings read substantially as follows:

Cases on file in the Suggestion and Achievement Awards Program holdings are originated in and pertain to situations in all components of the Agency. Thus, the files contain the basic ideas, inventions, achievements, accomplishments as well as evaluations and results from all directorates. A limited number of the total volume of cases encompass sensitive and controlled material such as: new covert action ideas, operational breakthroughs, spectacular recruitments of high intelligence potential, and technical and scientific discoveries of unique value to the Agency's special missions and the Nation's special intelligence objectives. The knowledge of such cases has been limited to a very few Agency officials such as the Director of Central Intelligence, one or two deputy directors, an Office Director or Division Chief, the Chairman of the Agency's Suggestion and Achievement Awards Committee and the three Members of the DDO Special Panel. If the GAO Auditors wished to review files of the types of cases

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described above, our staff would refer them to appropriate representatives of the directorates involved with the substance of the material. We would then request that the operating component meet with the GAO Auditor and decide what material, if any, they wished to release.

3. In the preparation of this paper, I have discussed the current Memo from Chairman, GAO Task Force with [REDACTED], O/DCI Committee Member (assigned to the CIA Audit Staff), the DDO Committee Member, [REDACTED] who has been our representative on the Committee from the Office of Finance and is familiar with Mr. Yale's role in connection with the GAO Task Force.

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Executive Secretary  
Suggestion and Achievement Awards Committee

Atts

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